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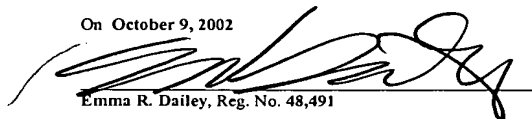
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 16, 2002 in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments, without prejudice, and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections.